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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE
NOTICE & REQUEST FOR SOLE SOURCE
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STATE OF HAWAII

1. TO: Chief Procurement Officer
2. FROM: Department of Land and Natural Resources / Aquatic Resources
Department/Division/Agency

Pursuant to §103D-306, HRS, and Subchapter 9, Chapter 3-122, HAR, the Department requests sole source approval to purchase the following:

3. Description of goods, services, or construction:

Facility improvements to accommodate the short term care of sick and/or injured Hawaiian monk seals.

[please see attached]

4. Vendor Name: Waikiki Aquarium

Address: 2777 Kalakaua Ave
Honolulu, HI 96815-4027

5. Price:

\$35,000

6. Term of Contract:
(mm/dd/yyyy)

From: 12-1-2009

To: 6-30-2010

7. Prior Sole Source Ref No.

8. Feature: The good, service, or construction has the following unique features, characteristics, or capabilities:

Waikiki Aquarium has the appropriate inspected/certified facility which can be easily modified to maintain additional Hawaiian monk seals in captivity. They are able to provide staff expertise, pool design and facility implementation for short-term care and rehabilitation of seals.

9. Essential features. How the unique features, characteristics, or capabilities are essential for the agency to accomplish its work:

The Hawaiian monk seal is critically endangered. In the Main Hawaiian Islands seal injuries from fishery interactions are becoming more prevalent. To help mitigate these impacts and increase the chance for survival, urgent care is needed for seals that become sick or injured in the main Hawaiian Islands.

11. Alternate source. The following other possible sources for the good, service, or construction were investigated but do not meet our needs because:

Sea Life Park - As the only other possible marine mammal captive care facility on the island, Sea Life Park (SLP) was investigated as a possible option for monk seal containment systems. However, SLP is not interested in the rehabilitation and short-term care that is required for this project. Instead they prefer to establish a containment system for the long-term care of animals (monk seals) considered non-releasable into the wild.

12. Direct any inquiries to:

Department: Land and Natural Resources

Contact Name/Title: David Nichols - Acting Sanctuary Co-Manager

13 Phone Number:

808 587-0437

Fax Number:

808 587-0115

Expenditure may be processed with a purchase order/p-Card: ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, a contract must be executed and funds certified.

Agency shall ensure adherence to applicable administrative and statutory requirements, including HAR Chapter 3-122, Subchapter 15, Cost or Pricing Data, if required.

14. *I certify that the information provided above is to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and that the goods, services, or construction are available through only one source.*


Department Head Signature

11/17/09
Date

Reserved for SPO Use Only

15 Date Notice Posted: 11/19/09

Submit written objections to this notice to issue a sole source contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from the above posted date to:

Chief Procurement Officer

State Procurement Office

P.O. Box 119

Honolulu, Hawaii 96810-0119

16. Chief Procurement Officer's comments:

Request is returned without action. Pursuant to Procurement Delegation No. 2008-01, the department head has been delegated authority for sole source procurements less than \$50,000. The department shall review this procurement for the applicability as a sole source, as our initial review of your request, indicates that this does not meet the requirements. Questions on this matter may be directed to SPO staff, Bonnie Kahakui at 587-7402.

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☐ APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED ☒ NO ACTION REQUIRED

Alan S. Fujita
Chief Procurement Officer

12/18/09
Date

Waikiki Aquarium Hawaiian Monk Seal Urgent Care Facility

Background:

The Hawaiian monk seal is the most critically endangered species whose entire range lies within the United States. The population is declining at about 4% per year. A glimmer of hope for the species comes from the fact that the 10% of the population that resides in the Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) appears to be growing. However, human and natural impacts are prevalent in the MHI with hookings of seals being the primary concern.

Waikiki Aquarium is a NOAA Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program authorized facility for urgent care of monk seals. Several seals have been held at the Waikiki Aquarium on previous occasions. A subadult female was rescued on Kauai and airlifted to Oahu to undergo medical procedures for a suspected hook ingestion. The seal was returned to the wild and is currently thriving. A yearling female from the Hamakua Coast of the Big Island was also transported to the Waikiki Aquarium. This animal had a monofilament line coming from its mouth and a 1 inch diameter ulua hook lodged in her esophagus. After a brief medical procedure the hook was removed. She was then stabilized and later returned to the Big Island and is now thriving in the wild. Another Hawaiian monk seal was recently transferred to the Aquarium from Molokai due to concerns that the animal was interacting too closely with humans. It was later determined that this animal had cataracts blocking 80% of his vision. He currently remains at the Aquarium until he is transported temporarily to the mainland for cataract surgery and rehabilitation. This animal will likely be un-releasable back into the wild. It is the hope of the community that the animal can at least return to Hawaii following rehabilitation for the remainder of its life.

NOAA has previously provided the Waikiki Aquarium with funding to construct two urgent care pools for Hawaiian monk seals that are sick or injured in the MHI. Funds have been used to purchase two 20 foot diameter holding tanks and food handling equipment. Additional funding is needed to complete the facility. As a NOAA partner in the protection of the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, the State of Hawaii would like to contribute \$35,000 for the completion of this project.